

Rejections

All of the claims stand rejected based, at least primarily, on Levin, U.S. Patent No. 6,073,339 ("Levin"). The allegation is that Levin is Section 102(e) prior art. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner check the record and verify that the statement made on lines 2 - 3 of Page 1 of the specification is reflected therein, because there is no filing receipt in Applicant's file (which was received from prior counsel).

In any event, the present application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/351,943, filed December 8, 1994, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,990,776. Levin was filed December 11, 1998, as a division of another application filed May 29, 1997, which in turn claimed the benefit of a provisional application filed September 20, 1996. Accordingly, Levin is not prior art.

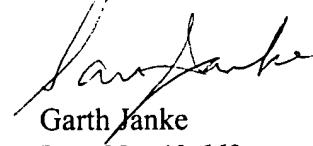
Applicant had shown in previous remarks that the claimed invention was distinguished over Levin, but because Levin is not prior art, these remarks were not necessary to overcome the rejection and Applicant does not admit that any distinction over Levin is necessary to obtain a patent.

Regarding the obviousness rejections, Godek et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,321,380 and Cassese et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,949,191 only show that heat sinks and active components mounted on circuit boards were known. In fact, it was so well known to combine these structures with printed circuit boards that the fact that the prior art had failed to produce the claimed invention despite having this knowledge (wherein we are assuming, merely for the sake of argument that (a) there is a third prior art teaching to provide the other claim elements, and (b) the Examiner is correct that the motivation existed in the prior art to form the claimed invention) would have to be considered strong evidence that the invention was not obvious.

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It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that claims 1 - 32 are in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow claims 1 - 32 and pass this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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